

Some Nurses at Station Hospital Have Seen Duty With Army Abroad

At present 19 Army nurses are on the staff of the new Station hospital for the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation, a Transportation Corps installation. The hospital is in Torrance, some miles distant from port headquarters in Wilmington, and eventually will have a complement of 55 Army nurses, in addition to the medical

Jobless Claims By Women Shown As Increasing

The extent to which women have entered gainful occupations since the beginning of the war was emphasized today in a report of the California department of employment showing pronounced changes in the types of unemployment claims.

A survey by the department covering the first seven months of this year revealed 74 per cent of all certifications, for unemployment benefits were filed by women, compared with about 30 per cent in 1940. Of this number, the greatest concentration of claimants was in the unskilled and agricultural occupations, including fruit canning and packing.

In contrast, the claims filed by men came largely from the skilled occupations, the professional-clerical-sales group, and were in higher age brackets. While 63 per cent of the certifications from men were filed by persons over 50 years, those of the women revealed only 24 per cent over 50 years and 28 per cent between 41 and 55 years.

The survey also disclosed a wide shift in the area distribution of unemployment benefits. Formerly the large centers of population were the centers of most of the claims, but these are now chiefly engaged in war work and the bulk of certifications come from the smaller communities.

During the first nine months of 1943 claimants declined by more than 90 per cent in the Los Angeles and San Francisco bay areas, by 79 per cent in the San Diego area, and by only 64 per cent in the balance of the state.

The report revealed a marked decline in the duration of unemployment in the past year, dropping from 5.7 compensable weeks during the first nine months of 1942 to 4.5 weeks in the corresponding months of 1943.

The more frequent causes of unemployment included lack of raw materials, seasonality or irregularity of operations of employer, war displacement, reluctance to hire workers because of age or physical handicap, or imminence of induction into the armed forces.

1944 Food Outlook Declared Brighter By State Aggy Chief

While the lady of the house may be spending her ration points a bit recklessly just now to provide a bountiful table during the holidays with the result that there'll be some temporary scurrying in the hash-and-soup days to follow, California's food outlook, on the whole, is considerably brighter.

The authority for that cheerful news is State Director of Agriculture W. J. Cecil. While butter is still scarce in the cities although "quite plentiful" near manufacturing plants, that's about the only dark spot in the picture, according to the agricultural director.

Packing houses are full of meat and not operating anywhere near capacity, reports Mr. Cecil. Vegetables are being produced in sufficient quantities to meet present needs. California chickens will lay as many eggs during 1944 as they did during 1943—when a new record was set. And it now appears that point rationing of fresh milk will not be necessary.

We are happy to have this reassuring report from Director of Agriculture Cecil. Now if Washington will only let well enough alone and not try to improve too much on mother nature's program, perhaps the New Year won't be quite so hectic as the year we've just left behind us.

officers and other civilian and military personnel.

In Foreign Service
Some nurses at the hospital have seen foreign service in such places as India and Iceland. It is the policy of the U. S. Army Nurse Corps to return nurses who have been through rigorous foreign service to this country for less hazardous duty for a period of not less than six months.

Of their attitude towards foreign service, Lieut. Hagarty says, "They all want to go back." However, she points out that the work to be done here is as important as that abroad. A graduate nurse must be entertained in one of the Army Nurse Corps Training Centers before she can wear her second lieutenant's bars. Here she learns the Army system of setting up field hospitals and treating certain types of wounds as well as the handling of great numbers of patients efficiently.

Rigid Training
Army nurses take virtually the same battle training as men. In their training they take 20-mile hikes with full pack equipment. They dig their own slit trenches and foxholes, crawl for 75 yards with overhead machine gun fire and learn tent-pitching. They are taught the effects of various gases; how to use their gas masks; how to handle incendiaries, and how to avoid bobby traps.

One of the most important assignments for Army nurses is to help the ill or wounded prepare for a return to military duty or to find a successful place in civilian life. This care includes a knowledge not only of medicine but of psychology as well. Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, the surgeon general, has this to say of this phase of a nurse's qualifications:

"Her role is to instill in our wounded men a sound psychological attitude and a strong feeling of continued usefulness in the war effort."

Masonic Lodge Installation On January 19

Installation of officers of Lomita Lodge No. 644, F & A. M., will be held at the Torrance Masonic Temple, 1321 1/2 Sartori ave., on Jan. 19, 1944 at 8 p. m., Wednesday evening.

William Courter of Long Beach will be the installing officer and Keith W. Schlaegel, inspector of the 99th Masonic district will be the master of ceremonies.

The officers to be installed are: J. R. Winters, worshipful master; Carl E. Fasnacht, senior warden; David V. Vandette, junior warden; Henry M. Bailey, treasurer; O. W. Thistle, secretary; Daniel F. Naulty, chaplain; William Murray Little, senior deacon; Alvie L. Hawks, junior deacon; John L. Sanders, marshal; John L. Price, senior steward; C. E. Treadway, junior steward; and Charles L. Morris, tiller.

This will be an open installation and all Masons are invited to attend.

January Dates Set For State Picnics
Picnics scheduled for January by affiliated state organizations, are: Illinois, Jan. 22 and South Dakota, Jan. 30, both of which will be held at Sycamore Grove park, Los Angeles.

Lin Price was recently elected again as president of the Federation of State Societies and Mrs. C. H. Parsons has succeeded her late husband, C. H. Parsons as secretary.

Major league baseball in New York City attracts an annual attendance of about 3,000,000—31 per cent of the national total.

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